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International Day of Human Space Flight

The General Assembly,

Deeply convinced of the common interest of mankind in promoting and expanding the exploration and use of outer space, as the province of all mankind, for peaceful purposes and in continuing efforts to extend to all States the benefits derived therefrom,

Attaching great importance to international cooperation in peaceful space activities, for which the United Nations should continue to provide a focal point,

Recalling that 12 April 1961 was the date of the first human space flight, carried out by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen born in Russia, and acknowledging that this historic event opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all mankind,

Welcoming the fact that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will celebrate at its fifty-fourth session the fiftieth anniversary of the first session of the Committee and the fiftieth anniversary of human space flight,

1. *Declares* 12 April the International Day of Human Space Flight to celebrate each year at the international level the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present draft resolution, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide to reopen its consideration of agenda item 50 and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

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